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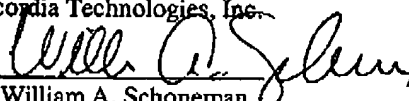
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated August 23, 2004 in which the Examiner rejected claims 1, 9, 10 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable in view of various combinations of United States Patent Application Publication No. US 2001/0012321 (Terry), United States Patent No. 6,101,172 (van Bavel et al) and United States Patent No. 6,529,906 to Chan, applicants have amended claims 1 and 9 in accordance with the suggestions of the Examiner that the subject matter of dependent claims 2-8 and 12 would be allowable provided they were written in an independent form including the content of the base claims from which they depend. To this end, claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of allowable claim 2 and claim 9 has been amended to include the subject matter of allowable claim 12 and the intervening claims 10 and 11.

Applicants believe that claims 1, 2-8 and 9 as amended are now in condition for allowance and reconsideration of and allowance of such claims is respectfully requested.

A petition for a three month extension of time is submitted herewith.

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